

Serial No. N/A
Preliminary Amendment dated October 7, 2003
In Reply to: N/A

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, line 3 after "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION"
please insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This Application relates to application no. 10/216,649,
filed August 12, 2002, and this application relates to
Applicant's application filed September 3, 2003, entitled
"BALUSTER RETAINING MEMBER" (Applicant's ref. no. 7237-1).